



## **Regional Service Council Minutes Region #7**

**Meeting Date:** January 13, 2006

**Meeting Location:** Blackford County Courthouse Annex

**Council Members Present:** Marilyn Scales, RM; Judge Bruce Bade, Blackford County Betty Lyons, Director; Chuck Osterholt, Director; Steven Cox, Director; George Herman, FCM Supervisor; Pat Ergle, FCM; Deb McGriff-Tharp, CASA

**Council Members Absent:** Judge Richard Dailey, Delaware; Judge Brian Hutchison, Jay; Harriett Weekly, Foster Parent.

**Others in Attendance:** Greg Shultz, Whites Residential; Connie Harmon, Whites Homebased; Tracey Riggle, Whites Foster Care

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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 1:10 PM

1. Review of Agenda and list of Council membership.
2. Council provided with Draft Regional services Council Protocol.  
Discussion highlighted changes from previous handout.
3. Council provided a copy of the Draft DCS Practice Principles. A discussion was held regarding the history of the development and purpose of the principles. More discussion will follow after the formal release of the principles by Director Payne.
4. A handout was provided that gave a budget summary and explanation of various funding sources with the Child Welfare Services Plan timetable. A brief explanation was provided regarding the RFP process. Each local office Director will be presenting their plan at the next meeting, which will require a vote by the Council. (See attached material presented to Council members.)
5. The council was given an overview of our current staffing and the plan to increase FCM's in each local office to a caseload of 12 Investigations and 17 children. Delaware County has increased 7 new FCM's since last July, 2005.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** February 17, 2006 @ 1:00 PM  
Blackford County Courthouse annex

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 2:00 PM